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wherein the material laminate has a planar extension and a thickness direction perpendicular to said planar extension,

wherein at least one of the top sheet and the liquid transfer sheet includes thermoplastic material, and the top sheet and the liquid transfer sheet are joined together through the use of laminate bonding locations on the material laminate, within which the thermoplastic material is caused to at least partially soften or melt and thereby join together the top and liquid transfer sheets at a sheet joining region,

C1 wherein the absorbent body includes a partially neutralised superabsorbent; and

wherein the sheet-joining regions of the material laminate extend in the thickness direction of said material laminate through the top sheet and at least partially through the liquid transfer sheet, such that the liquid transfer sheet is compressed at the laminate bonding locations and liquid is more easily guided at said bonding locations towards the liquid transfer sheet.

C2 sub. 3. (Three Times Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the partially neutralized superabsorbent has a degree of neutralisation less than 45% such that the pH in the absorbent body of the article when wetted will lie in the range of 3.5-4.9.